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For: EXHAUST GAS PROCESSING DEVICE FOR FUEL CELL Examiner: J. Crepeau

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 12, 2006 (Paper No. 20060905).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I encompassing claims 1-14 which is drawn to an exhaust gas processing device for a fuel cell (classified in Class 429, Subclass 22); and

Group II encompassing claims 15-24 drawn to a method for processing exhaust gas from a fuel cell (classified in Class 429, Subclass 13).

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect **Group II, claim 15-24** for continued examination.

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